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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to continued examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 9, as follows:

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9. The compound of claim 8 wherein R³ is 1-naphthol and derivatives thereof.

Kindly add new claims 42,44, as follows.

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(New)

The compound of claim 1 wherein R¹ is arene sulfonyl or a derivative

thereof; R² is nitro; and R³ is phenylpyrrole or a derivative thereof.

43. (New)

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The compound of clarm 42 wherein R^1 is p-toluenesulfonyl (tosyl).